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Calendar

The Daily Texan Multimedia Show

UT's student newspaper, The Daily Texan, is hosting its annual photo and video show at the CMB this afternoon at 5 p.m. in Studio 4E, CMB 4.134 We will be selling our photographs through a silent auction and serve complimentary refreshments. The event is open to the public so please feel free to invite guests!

UT Remembers

Family, friends, and coworkers gather at the Main Mall and Tower Garden from 8:45 a.m.- 3 p.m. to commemorate the lives of faculty and students lost in the past year. The tower will be darkened from 7:30 p.m.- 11:30 p.m. in their honor.

Lessons from enemies

Adam Sisman discusses two biographies he has written of men who were enemies, British historians Hugh Trevor-Roper and A.J.P. Taylor, and what he has learned from them at the Tom Lea Rooms 3.206 in the Harry Ransom Center from 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Mortified Austin

'Mortified' show stars discuss just what's awful about being young: the mistakes, the embarrassments, the bad hair. Described as equal parts comedy, therapy and theater, tickets are \$12 in advance online at getmortified.com/live or \$15 at the door. Show will take place at Spider House 29th Street Ballroom at 8 p.m. (doors open one hour before show time).

Today in history

In 1970

The Ohio National Guard fatally shot four students and wounded nine others in the Kent State massacre, the bloody response to a peaceful protest of the American invasion of Cambodia. Four million students nationwide rallied against the killings, closing high schools and colleges across America.

11 p.m. - 12 AM

"The Lobster Effect"

You'll laugh, you'll cry. Funky fresh beats coming at YOU.

Note:

The Daily Texan will be taking a few deserved weeks off and will resume printing June 4 with a weekly tabloid-sized edition.

Regents decline tuition proposal

UT System freezes in-state rate, raises out-of-state rate

By Liz Farmer
Daily Texan Staff

In an unprecedented decision, the UT System Board of Regents declined part of the University's recommendation to increase tuition at a meeting Thursday, but did not do so for any other UT System institution. The regents froze tuition for in-state undergraduates for the next two academic years and raised tuition for all other students.

This concluded the second day of one of the six regular meetings that occur each year and is the latest the regents have set tuition since

2004. The regents approved a 2.1 percent increase for out-of-state undergraduates, instead of the proposed 2.6 percent increase, for the next two academic years. The regents approved a 3.6 percent increase for graduate students that followed President William Powers' recommendation, but only for one year. In the plan, the University will still receive funds that the proposed 2.6 percent increase for in-state undergraduates would have generated. Regents Chairman Eugene Powell said the gap will be made up with funds from the Available University Fund, the investment income from

West Texas oil lands that are managed by the UT System.

The University is the only UT institution that can use the AUF funds in this way, according to UT System Board of Regents press release. The endowment will provide an additional \$6.6 million for each of the next two academic years. Powell said the University should not count on the funds for more than two years because they may not be available at that point.

The regents did not follow Powers' recommendation to increase in-state

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Rebecca Howeth | Daily Texan Staff

UT System Board of Regents member Alex M. Cranberg and Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Scott C. Kelley applaud during the meeting.



Rebeca Rodriguez | Daily Texan Staff

Cyclists compete in the PURE Austin Driveway Series Thursday evening. Every Thursday for 25 years, the series has hosted more than 200 riders who compete in various races based on skill categories.

Weeknight races unite Austin cyclists

By Alexa Ura
Daily Texan Staff

Austin cyclists have participated in Thursday night races for 25 years, and UT students past and present have geared up for the challenge.

The PURE Austin Driveway Series hosts more than 200 riders every Thursday who compete in various races based on skill categories. Members of the Texas Cycling Team regularly race against experienced riders from local cy-

cling teams and clubs. The series runs for 32 Thursdays in a row, beginning every year in March and running through October. Competitors race on a Driveway Austin Motorsports Academy and Retreat's circular track in East Austin. Races are categorized by level of skill and rider's gender.

"The series is a pretty unique opportunity because we have some of the fastest non-professional racers in the country come out to race with us," said

Kyle Johnson, architecture senior. "There are also several national champions out there, and that is a racing environment you don't get in many places."

Johnson said he started racing when was 15-years-old after his father used cycling as rehabilitation for a knee injury. The series allows riders to build relationships with veterans who are excited about the younger generations of riders, he said. Veteran riders host skill clinics for series

participants once a month during the series.

The series is the longest of its kind and has been organized by Holland Racing for the last four years. UT alum Andrew Mills, Holland Racing founder, said the racing community is a grassroots movement providing students with a low-key opportunity to explore their athletic ability while gaining responsibility.

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Sweatt symposium to continue legacy

By Alexandra Klima
Daily Texan Staff

In order to discover and address systemic problems facing men of color in higher education, the Heman Sweatt Symposium on Civil Rights continues the legacy of one famous African-American.

Students, faculty and staff will gather this evening at the 2012 Heman Marion Sweatt Legacy Award reception to honor the legacy of Heman Marion Sweatt, the first African-American admitted to the UT School of Law. The reception culminates the semester-long Heman Sweatt Symposium on Civil Rights, a program bringing faculty, scholars and community leaders together for numerous public discussions of contemporary racial issues.

The symposium, created by UT students 26 years ago, remem-

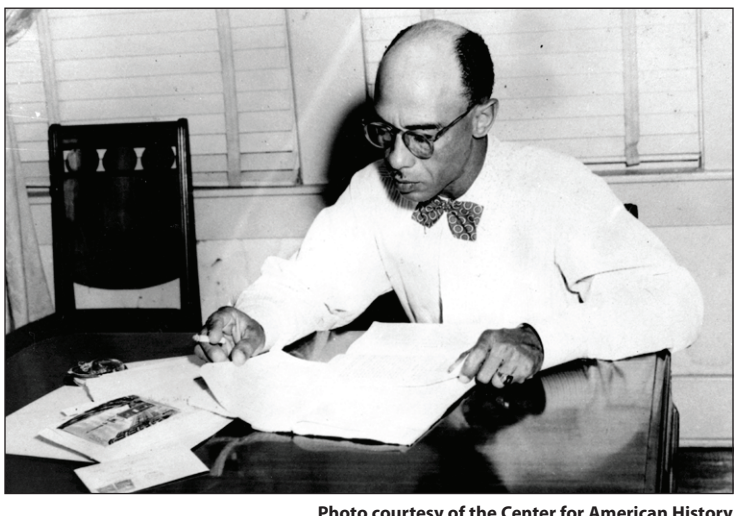


Photo courtesy of the Center for American History

Heman Sweatt was refused admittance to the UT Law School, and the Supreme Court eventually ordered Sweatt be accepted into UT.

bers the history, legacy and courage of Sweatt, said Deb Duval, executive director for external relations in the Division of Diversi-

ty and Community and Engagement. The two goals of the sym-

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Tower to shine orange for annual 'UT Remembers'

By David Maly
Daily Texan Staff

Each night the Tower glows with orange or white light, depending on the day's events and successes, but tonight the Tower will only glow in the moonlight in order to commemorate members of the UT community who Longhorns have said goodbye to this past year.

UT Remembers, an annual University event held since 1998 to remember students and current and retired faculty and staff who have passed away in the prior year, is being held all day today. The event is organized each year by the UT Cares Committee, a campus-wide organization formed in 1996 to provide support to the University commu-

nity in times of trauma or loss. The event begins this morning with a flag ceremony in the Main Mall, followed by an informational grief session, a private lunch, a remembrance ceremony and an absence of light shining upon the tower.

The event brings together people of various relations to those being remembered that have been touched by these deaths, said Robert Meckel, director of public affairs and UT Cares volunteer.

"Families, friends, colleagues and co-workers gather to remember those who died, to reflect upon who they were, what they gave to the institution and what they meant to

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Egyptians alter social contract until new system comes in place

CAIRO — The streets and sidewalks of Cairo have always been rather chaotic. But they've only gotten worse in the political turmoil as Egypt stumbles toward a new system following the fall of Hosni Mubarak.

Street vendors selling clothes, food or household goods take over sidewalks and sometimes invade half the street, blocking vehicles. Garbage piles up on curbs. In some places, water sewage backs up and fills a street and is left for days without being repaired.

Traffic rules are often unenforced. It's normal to see cars driving the wrong way down streets. Three-wheeled motorized rickshaws known as "tok-toks," which used to be restricted to small back roads, now trundle down main thoroughfares, further jamming the flow.

The cause, residents of the capital say, is that public services — from inspections to maintenance to building code enforcement — have largely been put on hold in the political uncertainty. Police now only sporadically chase away street peddlers and ticket drivers. Things are so lax that some Egyptians have become convinced it is intentional, an attempt by supporters of Mubarak still in authority to show that his ouster only brought chaos.

Researchers to get vaccinated for the diseases they study

SAN FRANCISCO — Lab workers at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs medical center will be urged to get vaccinations for the diseases they study as a precaution as investigators continue looking into a researcher's death after he handled a rare strain of bacteria, officials said Thursday.

Richard Din, the meningitis research associate who died Saturday in a possible lab exposure, wasn't vaccinated for the illness despite Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations to the contrary. Nonetheless, the VA's Harry Lampiris said a vaccine may not have protected Din, 25, because he was helping to develop a vaccine for a meningitis strain resistant to vaccine.

Lampiris also said about 70 people who came into contact with Din recently — including family members, co-workers and medical personnel who treated him — received antibiotic treatments that are "100 percent effective" in combatting infection.

Bin Laden secret letters show al-Qaida's troubles during war

WASHINGTON — Letters from Osama bin Laden's last hideaway, released by U.S. officials intent on discrediting his terror organization, portray a network weak, inept and under siege — and its leader seemingly near wit's end about the passing of his global jihad's glory days.

The documents, published online Thursday, are a small sample of those seized during the U.S. raid on bin Laden's Pakistan compound in which he was killed a year ago. By no accident, they show al-Qaida at its worst.

Those ends are served in the 17 documents chosen by U.S. officials for the world to see — not to mention American voters. The Obama administration has refused to release a fuller record of its bin Laden collection, making it difficult to glean any larger truths about the state of the terrorist organization.

What is clear from the documents released so far is that al-Qaida's leaders are constantly on the run from unmanned U.S. aircraft and trying to evade detection by CIA spies and NSA eavesdroppers.

Scientists search for meteorites in a blimp over Sierra Nevada

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A group of scientists took to the skies in a blimp Thursday in search of meteorites that rained over California's gold country last month.

It's the latest hunt for extraterrestrial fragments from the April 22 explosion that was witnessed over a swath of Northern California and Nevada.

Treasure hunters have swarmed the Sierra Nevada foothills over the past two weeks, snatching up pieces of meteorites. Most of the recovered space rocks have been tiny, with the largest weighing in at 19 grams, or the weight of one AA battery.

— Compiled from Associated Press reports

Reporters worldwide still write under duress

By Edith M. Lederer
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — On World Press Freedom Day, Reporters Without Borders condemned the "astounding pace" at which journalists are being attacked and murdered — 67 killed in 2011 and 22 more deaths since the beginning of the year.

At Thursday's U.N. commemoration of Press Freedom Day, Ban Ki-moon asked the assembled diplomats, members of the media and civil society representatives to observe a minute of silence "in honor of the journalists who were killed in the line of duty last year."

According to the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, 179 journalists were detained in 2011, a 20 percent increase over 2010 and the highest level since 1990, Ban said.

Reporters Without Borders updated its list of "predators of the freedom to inform" to 41 individuals and group. It said the first quarter of 2012 clearly showed that the world's predators led by Syria's President Bashar Assad and Somalia's Islamist militias "are capable of behaving like outrageous butchers."

The media advocacy organization, based in France, decried the increase in attacks and killings of news providers — up from 57 murders in 2010 to 67 in 2011, and 22 so far this year including five journalists killings in Somalia, four in Syria, and two each in Bangladesh, Brazil and India.



Hasan Jamali | Associated Press

Journalists who were fired or suspended from their jobs for their opinions during last year's pro-democracy uprising hold a moment of silence Thursday in Manama, Bahrain, in memory of journalists killed and tortured in prison during a gathering to mark World Press Freedom Day.

In Somalia's capital Mogadishu, dozens of Somali journalists met Thursday in somber silence to celebrate World Press Freedom Day, a meeting that took place only hours

after the killing of the fifth Somali journalist this year. Two armed men shadowed Somali radio journalist Farhan Abdulle after he left his station late Wednesday, then shot him dead.

The killings also continued in Mexico, which has become one of the world's most dangerous places for journalists amid a raging drug war. The bodies of two news photog-

raphers were found dismembered in the eastern Mexican state of Veracruz on Thursday, less than a week after the killing in the state of a reporter for an investigative magazine.



Courtesy of The Associated Press

This combination of three file photos shows some of the Chinese activists and dissidents who have commented on the Chen Guangcheng incident. From left to right are: Ai Weiwei, Liu Shasha; and Liu Xiaoyuan.

Chinese dissidents discuss Chen case

By Gillian Wong
The Associated Press

BEIJING — On Thursday, legal activist Chen Guangcheng told the United States that he wants to leave China, deepening a diplomatic dispute. His case has drawn comments from other prominent Chinese activists and dissidents — both to Chen directly and in other forums.

TENG BIAO, human rights lawyer and Chen's friend, in a phone call to the activist urging him to leave: "You know that if you don't leave this time, perhaps in the short term they won't dare to do anything, but the revenge will be very terrible. It is not as simple as four years' imprisonment or house arrest for 2 1/2 years. Their torture will be very frightening, very unbearable. ... The government hates you. ... We understand very well that you don't want to leave. You would like to stay and try to do something. But you have to understand that you will not be able to do anything if you stayed. ... You've already done so many things and made so many sacrifices for China's human rights and freedom.

We all don't want to see you make even more sacrifices."

AI WEIWEI, dissident artist: "I think the U.S. side has made efforts on this issue but they probably don't wish to see this issue stretch on or become more complicated. ... Of course for him personally, by running to the U.S. Embassy he is looking for some kind of protection. But his is not an isolated incident; it is tied into China-U.S. relations. And regardless of what happens, both sides will pursue their own interests. If the family's security can be ensured and they can live safely, I believe Chen Guangcheng would still be willing to live in China. But if he doesn't trust any of this — and he has enough reason not to trust them, because a lot of people's situations are not good — then of course we can only see how things develop."

LIU SHASHA, an activist who tried several times to visit Chen in the past year while he was still under house arrest, says he should stay to keep fighting: "We worked so hard and suffered so many beatings in order

for Guangcheng to be able to come out and work together with us. We hoped that Guangcheng could freely walk in his hometown, in his motherland. Not for him to be forced into exile, to leave the prison of his home for the spiritual prison of being barred from his homeland. A free Guangcheng must first be free in his own country!"

LIU XIAOYUAN, a prominent rights lawyer in eastern China's Jiangxi province who has represented many dissidents including Ai Weiwei:

"This incident should not have happened in the first place. If China is really a country with rule of law, then how could a local government use illegal tactics to hold a person under house arrest for so long? This incident might prompt high-level officials in charge of so-called 'stability maintenance' to stop further restricting activists after they have been released from prison, because this will generate public attention and the activists will escape and seek help from foreign embassies. I hope the authorities will learn these lessons from this incident."

Four Syrian students killed during random dorm raid

By Zeina Karam
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian forces stormed student dormitories during an anti-government protest at Aleppo University Thursday, firing tear gas and bullets in an hours-long siege that killed at least four students and forced the closure of the state-run school, activists said.

It was not clear how long the university would remain closed following the siege, which began late Wednesday when around 1,500 students held a protest against President Bashar Assad's regime. Pro-regime students attacked the crowd with knives before security forces swept in, firing tear gas and then live ammunition, activists said.

"Some students ran to their rooms to take cover, but they were followed to their rooms, beaten up and arrested," student activist Thaer al-Ahmed said. "Others suffered cuts and broken bones as they tried to flee."

Raids and intermittent gunfire continued for about five hours through early Thursday, he said, adding that dozens of people were wounded, some critically, and 200 students were arrested.

The student quarters — known as the University City — comprise 20 dormitories that house more than 5,000 students next to the university campus. Students there often shout anti-Assad slogans from their rooms at night.

It was an unusually violent incident in Aleppo, a major economic hub that has remained largely loyal to Assad and has been spared the kind of daily bloodshed that has plagued other Syrian cities over the course of the uprising.

For the most part, Aleppo has been quiet, but university students — many from rebellious areas such as the northern Idlib province — have been staging almost daily protests calling for the fall of Assad.

Al-Ahmed, a law student, said the Aleppo campus and dormitories have been raided before, but Thursday was the most violent incident.

Amateur videos showed a large number of security forces apparently storming the dorms Wednesday night. Another showed a student protest earlier the same day with shouts of: "We don't want you, Bashar!" One showed the campus with windows shattered and a man dousing a smoldering fire with a bucket of water.



Courtesy of Ugarit | Associated Press

From amateur video released by Ugarit on Thursday purports to show Syrian security forces at Aleppo University. Syrian security forces stormed dormitories to break up anti-government protests.

Economic recovery underway even with mixed signals

By Paul Wiseman
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy's recovery looks enduring. It's just not very strong.

Hiring, housing, consumer spending and manufacturing all appear to be improving, yet remain less than healthy. Economists surveyed by The Associated Press expect growth to pick up this year, though not enough to lower unemployment much.

A clearer picture of the nation's economic health will emerge Friday, when the government reveals how

many jobs employers added in April. "The outlook is for continued moderate growth," John Williams, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, said Thursday. "Nonetheless, we have nearly 4 1/2 million fewer jobs today than five years ago, and the unemployment rate remains very high at 8.2 percent."

The 32 economists polled by the AP late last month are confident the economy has entered a "virtuous cycle" in which more hiring boosts consumer spending, which leads to further hiring and spending. They expect unemployment to

drop from 8.2 percent in March to below 8 percent by Election Day.

But they still think the rate won't reach a historically normal level below 6 percent until 2015 or later. And they predict hiring will slow the rest of this year from a relatively brisk December-February pace.

The government's economic data have been sending mixed signals about the health of the recovery from the Great Recession. Here's a look at the economy's vital signs:

The job market is gradually improving, though not as fast as it had been. From December through

February, employers added a strong 246,000 jobs a month. That figure sank to a weak 120,000 in March. The April jobs report could clarify whether March was a one-month dud — or evidence of a more lasting slowdown in job creation like the one that occurred in mid-2011.

The economists in the AP survey foresee average job growth of 177,000 a month from April through June and 189,000 for the next six months. The economy needs to generate about 125,000 jobs a month just to keep up with population growth.

On Thursday, the government said

the number of people who applied for unemployment benefits last week fell by a sharper-than-expected 27,000 to a seasonally adjusted 365,000. That pointed to fewer layoffs and a brighter outlook for hiring.

Further cause for hope came in a government report Thursday on worker productivity: It fell from January through March by the most in a year. Declining productivity could be a positive sign for job-seekers. It may signal that companies are struggling to squeeze more from their workforces and must hire to keep up with customer orders.

QUOTES TO NOTE

A semester in review

The following quotes are from viewpoints and overviews written by The Daily Texan Editorial Board this semester. We’ve selected quotes that paint a picture of the noteworthy events that occurred this spring.

“It was a cruel and inevitable dose of national humble pie for the candidate who entered the race with a campaigning repertoire of all-I-do-is-win but left with embarrassment and chagrin.”

— On Gov. Rick Perry withdrawing from the Republican presidential race in January after a five-month run.

“The Justice Department should release its decision soon so the state has time to notify voters of any changes to voting procedure. Further delay will only push voter turnout from dismal to damaging.”

— On the possibility of ID requirements for voting during elections, an issue that still remains unresolved.

“If students want to be included in the tuition-setting process, they should demand more transparency and information from administrators. Otherwise, their input risks being extraneous at best and counterproductive at worst.”

— On the level of student input in the process that sets tuition. Although the Tuition Policy Advisory Council and President William Powers Jr. requested a tuition increase, the UT System Board of Regents decided on Thursday to freeze in-state undergraduate tuition for two years at UT-Austin.

“Political posturing and bland repetition of the same tired tropes drive students away from a process that often looks like little more than a trial run for the next round of high-flying but ultimately disappointing politicians of tomorrow. ... When you hear candidates pledging to provide ‘access,’ ‘outreach’ and ‘representation,’ ask them how and why before taking their papers and pledging your vote.”

— On the empty rhetoric that typically surrounds Student Government elections.

“The UT System Board of Regents has demanded greater emphasis on efficiency, putting pressure on administrators to hustle as many graduates across the stage as possible for as little money as possible, creating a virtual assembly line of hapless, helpless students. And, thus, what is administrators’ first priority will become the students’ as well; get your degree in four years or pay the consequences.”

— On the report by the University’s Task Force on Undergraduate Graduation Rates, which outlines 50 recommendations to encourage students to graduate in four years.

“[Madison] Gardner had ample opportunity through his previous involvement with SG to change parts of the election code he found objectionable. Of course, he never did. He even used some of its more obscure provisions to attack his opponents. However, soon after he was found guilty of violating the rules, he cried about it to anybody who would listen.”

— On the decision by Student Government executive alliance candidates Madison Gardner and Antonio Guevara to file a lawsuit against the University after getting disqualified by the Election Supervisory Board. Gardner-Guevara were reinstated but were disqualified again soon after.

“That this largely unelected board has the power to dictate far-reaching University policy when its primary purpose is ostensibly to determine which cancer research grant applications to fund is disturbing. ... Nevertheless, a tobacco-free campus will go a long way to further the University’s healthy, environmentally-conscious community deeply committed to fighting cancer.”

— On the University’s decision to become a smoke-free campus on April 11. UT made its decision after the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas made it a condition for campuses receiving its money to commit to be tobacco free.

“The state’s commitment to medical education in Texas should not end at graduation. A new medical school in Austin with expanded capacity for residents would give the state another opportunity to give every medical student an opportunity to stay.”

— On the possibility of a medical school in Austin. Partnering with UT, the medical school and teaching hospital is expected to replace the University Medical Center at Brackenridge.



Zachary Strain | Daily Texan Staff
The Daily Texan Editorial Board of spring 2012 comprises, from left to right, Shabab Siddiqui, Samantha Katsounas, Viviana Aldous, Susannah Jacob and Matt Daley.

Putting it into words

Editor’s note: A 30 column is a chance for departing permanent staff to say farewell and reflect on their time spent in The Daily Texan’s basement office. The term comes from the old typesetting mark (-30-) to denote the end of a line.



By Viviana Aldous
Daily Texan Editor-in-Chief

For the last time, I have descended the steps to The Daily Texan office — comfortably situated in the mostly windowless basement of a nondescript building on the communication plaza.

After spending hours talking with sources, writing stories, waiting for edits and receiving the occasional love advice from a former news editor, I ascended the steps to total darkness, remembering the test I had the next morning. “Every night will not be like this,” I’d tell myself. But it usually was. And the next morning, I’d return to the basement for more, even after my second semester as a full-time reporter revealed why I could never be one.

Despite the fact that my job has entirely to do with words, even after nine semesters it is difficult to articulate what about the experience compelled me to descend those steps each day.

Maybe it’s the invaluable exposure to the University. After all, the Texan provided me with seemingly unique access to UT. It gave me an excuse to meet dedicated professors willing to share their passion, knowledge and vision with eager students and to talk with student leaders striving to im-

prove the University community.

Or maybe it’s the people. At the Texan, I have met some of the most talented and dedicated people I know. From the reporters to the managing editors with whom I have had the fortunate opportunity to work, I have learned much of what I know from the people around me.

Shabab, there is no one else I’d rather philosophize with. Whether it is about ethical systems or girl crushes, you are always the perfect person to talk to — except, of course, when the buzzer is out.

Matt, waiting for decisions that in many ways determined my future would have been far more unbearable without you. Besides, your pictures provided the perfect canvas for my Photoshop adventures.

Susannah, you will make a fantastic editor next year. Just be sure to eat plenty of oatmeal and arugula, and never sell that trampoline.

Samantha, I am always honored to be called “Lil Sam.” Taboo, Apples to Apples and “30 Rock” will not be the same without you. When in doubt, shut it down.

Dave, thanks for saving me this summer — and on several other occasions.

Lauren, you taught me so much of what I know, and it is you who reassured me that I had the ability to pursue what I wanted at the Texan, whether it was to work as a senior reporter or as the editor. And who else would have shared my interests in Lojban or food with me?

I’ve also had the pleasure to work with Veronica, Lena and Audrey, who brought to the job different skill sets that all proved valuable, especially during unanticipated situations.

I feel so lucky to have been surrounded by an exceptionally smart and articulate group of people on whom I could always depend to ensure the page printed and from whom I learned something new each day.

Despite my many days in the opinion department, I will never forget being raised in the news department with some of the most talented reporters and editors this paper has seen.

And I always had the support of Doug. I will miss our heart-to-hearts, during which you provided me with advice regarding anything from the Texan to my future. Thanks for always supporting me (except that little blip when you found out I was leaving the news department to join the editorial board).

Clearly, the people enhanced my Daily Texan experience, but, in addition, pursuing stories daily instilled in me something fundamental: the belief that I would go further by endeavoring to understand the narratives of others instead of simply developing my own.

The Daily Texan has shaped my undergraduate experience, and for that I am truly grateful.

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Aldous, a Plan II and philosophy senior, worked as a general news reporter, a senior reporter, an associate news editor, an associate editor and editor-in-chief.



Judith Zaffirini

The state senator from Laredo and proud UT alumna has been the defender-in-chief for her alma mater at the not-always-friendly state Capitol. Zaffirini’s main line of work this academic year came in the form of three highly-publicized hearings as the co-chairwoman of the Joint Committee on Higher Education Governance, Excellence and Transparency in the fall, which helped at least temporarily halt the frenetic pace toward detrimental change in the state’s higher education.

Honorable mention: Stefanie Lindquist

The interim dean of the UT School of Law stepped in at the most academically awkward of situations, following the firing of former law school dean Larry Sager. But with a respectability that encompasses administrative, faculty and student circles, Lindquist helped orient the school back in the right direction.

Honorable mention: Marsha Miller

The ever under-appreciated University photographer has the disadvantage of being behind the scenes most of the time. But if any institution can appreciate the intricacies of photography, it’s The Daily Texan.

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RECYCLE

Please recycle this copy of The Daily Texan. Place the paper in one of the recycling bins on campus or back in the burnt-orange newsstand where you found it.

1894

Manuel Marius García was the first Latino graduate of the University. He studied classics, served as president of the Rusk Literary Society and later as editor of the Cactus Yearbook. He also earned his master's degree from the University and he supervised the Spanish department of the San Antonio Public School System for eight years. Along with his wife and family, he moved to Laredo in 1917 and founded the Merchants' Bank and Trust Company.

1956

The University desegregated the undergraduate program following pressure from Brown v. Board of Education in 1954, in which the Supreme Court ruled that separate educational facilities were inherently unequal. The first black undergraduate students were ostracized by most faculty and students.

1957

The state Legislature pressured the University to remove Barbara Smith Conrad, one of the first black undergraduate students, as the female lead in the University's production of Dido and Aeneas because they objected to a black woman being cast opposite a white male lead. Despite the conflict, Conrad remained at the University and earned her Bachelor of Music degree in 1959. She went on to perform as a mezzo-soprano with the Metropolitan Opera and a multitude of international opera houses in the U.S., Canada, Europe and South America.



Barbara Smith Conrad

1997

The Top 10 percent rule is passed by the state legislature in response to Hopwood v. Texas. The rule automatically admits the top 10 percent of students from public high schools into public universities in an effort to increase diversity without using race as a determinate in admissions.

May 4, 1999

Ten students were arrested for protesting in a campus building after business hours. The students, known as "The UT 10," had been influential in getting the University to establish the Center for Asian American Studies and were protesting the University administration's disregard for student input in a student-driven movement.

2003

In Grutter v. Bollinger, the Supreme Court reasserts affirmative action in a broad sense. As a result, the University altered its approach and made race one of many factors that are considered in admissions.

May 12, 1903

"The Eyes of Texas" is first performed at a minstrel show, in which white actors perform in blackface.

1950 Sweatt v. Painter

The University of Texas School of Law refused admittance to Heman Sweatt, a black man, based upon the state's segregation laws. The state set up a separate law school in Houston for black students, but the Supreme Court declared the separate education unequal and ordered that Sweatt be accepted into UT. This paved the way for Brown v. Board of Education in 1954 that declared segregation unconstitutional.



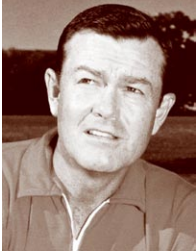
Heman Sweatt

December 1960

More than 100 students protested in favor of integrating local theaters through stand-ins, a form of protest that started at the University and spread nationwide. The students would tell theater employees they'd buy a ticket if it served all races, to which the employee would refuse and the students would get back in line to continue the process. Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt supported the protests in her newspaper column 'My Day.' The Varsity Theatre on the drag quietly integrated in the Fall of 1961 and in 1963 the city prohibited businesses and restaurants from discriminating against customers based on race or color.

1996

In Hopwood v. Texas Cheryl Hopwood, a white female, and three other white applicants applied and were denied to The University of Texas School of Law. Hopwood sued the University for reverse discrimination. The Fifth Circuit Court that covers Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas ruled against affirmative action, stating that race may not be used in admissions to create diversity within the student body. The Supreme Court denied the University's appeal to review the case.



Darrell Royal

Dec. 6, 1969

The last all-white football team wins the national championship. Coach Darrell Royal did not push for athletic integration and later had trouble recruiting black athletes to the team.

October 2012

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear Fisher v. Texas, in which two white students filed a lawsuit against UT when they were denied admissions in 2008. The suit claims that the University's admissions policy, which considers race as one of several factors, violated the plaintiff's right to equal protection under the 14th Amendment. The decision of this case could potentially reverse the use of affirmative action in the United States.

— compiled by Liz Farmer

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small Asian community at the time, who had been raised in Mexico.

She said there were not many Latino students at the University because many were in the service during World War II, which made the Latino community tight-knit. Long said Latino student groups included a volleyball team and Alba, which Long joined.

"We sort of grouped ourselves together," Long said. "We got together, had parties, went to Barton Springs, that sort of thing."

Long said during her college years she would hear about instances like a Latino student not getting housing and said "it wasn't overt," but that type of discrimination against Latinos occurred in Austin.

After the war ended, masses of returning vets entered college on the G.I. Bill and as a result, the dynamic of the University and the country began to change.

"In the service, they got thrown together," Long said. "You were fighting the same problem, a common issue."

Long said the war ignited activism among the Latino community to challenge the discriminatory norms.

"When they saw what it was like to be treated like an American citizen they saw that there were different avenues," Long said. "When they graduated they went back to their communities and changed the laws."

At 17-years-old, Leon Holland entered the University as one of the first black students in the undergraduate program in 1956. Peggy Drake Holland attended the black high school in San Antonio with Leon, her future husband, and entered the University in 1958.

Leon Holland joined the ROTC program and is now a retired colonel after committing 41 years to the Army, specifically to the medical service corps. He said the military's integrated environment was strikingly different from his experience at the University. After graduation, Peggy Holland worked for public housing and later taught middle school English and Spanish.

The University began to desegregate the undergraduate programs in 1956 after the UT System Board of Regents implemented policies aimed at making admission more difficult for black students. The "enrollment restriction plan" to deter black students from being admitted included the first aptitude and subject matter tests administered by Texas public

schools, according to author Dwonna Goldstone's "Integrating the 40 Acres: The Fifty-year Struggle for Racial Equality at the University of Texas."

Leon Holland recalls the day his counselor told him and several other students that the University would be integrating.

"I had no preconceived notions about UT," Leon Holland said. "I did not come with the expectation that I was going to be a pioneer."

The University only desegregated on the surface and did not integrate the small population of black students into the rest of the campus community.

When Leon Holland drove up to the University for the first time, he was surprised to find wooden World War II barracks along Waller Creek as their housing. He said the separation of black students also pertained to the social realm and the classroom.

"Some classes you would sit down and know you'd have plenty of elbow room because no one would sit next to you," Holland said.

For Peggy Holland, on top of braving the prejudice she received as a black student, she faced increased discrimination as a female student in the business school. She said many of her professors let her know that they did not appreciate her presence and an

accounting professor treated her in such an awful way that she switched from being an accounting major to being a general business major.

"I was very disappointed because I was a very idealistic person," Peggy Holland said. "I felt that they would be more intelligent and even if they thought it, they wouldn't act on it."

However, Peggy Holland said several professors helped her, including a personnel management professor who went to her co-op housing to make sure people did not keep her from safely getting on and off the bus for a trip.

Peggy Holland said one way students gave her the impression that they did not want her there was by purposefully running into her in the hallways.

"I do get emotional," Peggy Holland said as she described her college memories.

The couple later retired in Austin and said they saw big progress being made to improve race relations. Leon Holland said relations can be further improved if people do not jump to discrimination and instead seek out truth about others through critical analysis.

"Truth is ignored," he said. "We let our perception and prejudice and feelings dictate rather than deal with the truth."

Leon Holland said he is proud to

have a degree from the University, but said the institution needs to grow more in its inclusion of people from all races.

"I feel that UT is an outstanding institution," Leon Holland said. "Whatever we can do to work together we want to do."

Police arrested 10 students who remained in a University building after hours on May 4, 1999 to protest the administration's disregard for student input and delay in establishing the Center for Asian American Studies.

Biochemistry senior Avani Raythatha is an Indian student who completed research on Asian activism at the University from 1992 to 2000. Raythatha said students struggled for years before the protest in an effort to get Asian-American studies approved by the administration, which it approved in 1996.

That same year, the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against affirmative action in Hopwood v. Texas. Raythatha said the decision shook the University and in response, many groups supported the Asian-American studies program to combat possible discrimination in wake of the ruling.

"That's when a lot of people started getting involved because it was

their ethnic studies sister," Raythatha said. "It was other groups on campus coming to fight for it."

The arrested protesters, known as "The UT 10," rallied against the former Liberal Arts dean's hiring decision for the center's director, in which she did not follow the recommendation of the student-driven task force.

Raythatha said some people wondered why the students were arrested when earlier in the year, students protesting in favor of affirmative action after hours in the Tower were not arrested.

"Is that because it's a more racially charged issue?" Raythatha said. "There's that double standard."

Raythatha said Asian-American studies pertain to issues today, including the misconception that Asian-American students are foreign. She said this influences students in different ways.

"You either just want to be American or you stay in your Asian clique," Raythatha said.

Raythatha said this keeps many students from exploring Asian-American studies and is why it is more difficult to find the history of Asian-American students on campus.

"We definitely have a history here, but no one seems to talk about it or really discuss it," Raythatha said.



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Time to say goodbye -30-

VICTORIA PAGAN



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Recent controversy surrounding an acclaimed racist cartoon published by The Daily Texan and the creation of a black student publication on campus has people labeling the Texan as “self-selected” and “racially biased,” but the world I stepped into when I submitted my first application was anything but.

As a Hispanic student attending a predominantly white University, I was pleasantly surprised to find that the atmosphere of the Daily Texan caters to students of all races and is comprised of at least one of every ethnicity that comes to mind.

While I will not pretend that our underground lair is not reflective of the white majority that is our campus, the culture you will find if you step through our always open doors

is an essence of like-minded creativity and not race.

We at the Texan are unified by our need to stimulate our imaginative outlets and connect through shared experiences of intellectual, visual and exceptional capacities. Our investigative impulses push us to take a sincere interest in the inner workings of our campus as well as in the various backgrounds and stories of our fellow students and coworkers.

At the Texan I have found a family away from home that nurtures my needs for comfort, expressiveness and variation. I have also found mentors and leaders who have helped me develop my writing, inspired me to push boundaries when pursuing stories and who taught me to never act submissively when being wrongly credited with negative labels.

I encourage students of all ethnicities, conspiracy beliefs and religious or cult followings with an interest in journalism to tryout for

The Daily Texan and join the welcoming team that I did two years ago. The Daily Texan is not for the close-minded or the easily offended. You will find fellow students who have stranger habits than you do and who will debate and question you to the end of your sanity, but who are eager to learn about what you have to teach.

I leave the Texan not by choice but because my time at UT has come to an end. To all you Texan Staffers, previous and current: The long hours testing my strength and sanity with you all in the basement were extremely well spent and are the main reason I leave UT with a sense of great accomplishment. The University of Texas at Austin and all of its brilliant professors, staff and students were the greatest asset to my personal and academic development, but to find a concentration of every great thing UT has to offer, I encourage you to seek out my comrades at The Daily Texan. The truth is out there!

JILLIAN BLISS



Photos by Fanny Trang | Daily Texan Staff

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Upon entering college I thought I should be a broadcast journalism major. Then I realized a week into my freshman year that I missed having a pressing newspaper deadline looming over my head, and so I applied to the University Star.

The what?

The University Star is Texas State's newspaper. Without the Star, I never would've made it to the Texan. Although my dream was to attend UT since my best friend Alexis and I decided we were both Longhorns in third grade, I followed my freshman brain and the three high school folks I no longer talk with to Texas State. I cried at Bobcat orientation — obviously it wasn't meant to be — but was luckily chosen as a news reporter a few months later

by an editor named Allen who would later become a close mentor, friend and reporter for The Associated Press.

I put in my time at the Star as a news and features writer and city beat reporter. After a few weeks I earned multiple front page stories and even had an entire front page to myself once. I was happy at the Star, but my burnt orange blood couldn't take Texas State. Declining the chance to become a Star section editor, I walked fearlessly into the Texan newsroom last summer.

The Texan ran differently, but I wasn't scared of the little try-out process necessary to become a Texan news reporter. I knew how to write, and looking back on things, I don't know that I would've made it through those tryouts without learning what I did from those at the Star.

I think what Allen taught me most was how much effort a sincere journalist puts in and

how to love the long nights in the newsroom and soak up the knowledge of those around me. I learned a lot, and while some use what they learn to get an edge on the competition, I wanted to use my knowledge to give back. I wanted to be to others what Allen had been for me, and so, despite only working for the Texan two semesters, I applied for the position of news editor this spring.

I earned each position that got me where I am now, and I hope that in my job as news editor this semester I was able to be that friend and teacher to others that I so valued in my first editor. Five fall classes and an LSAT prep course keep me from continuing my work here, but I know my reporter's addiction will start twitching soon, and that same kind of cold turkey headache I get when I haven't had my daily coffee will continue driving my reporting addiction as I serve as an election stringer for the AP this year.

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I first tried out for the Daily Texan Photo department in 2008. The first day of tryouts ended with me crying in the middle of campus on the phone with my mom. “Only one frame developed!” I bawled over the phone behind the FAC while upperclassmen walked by, most likely knowing instantly that I was a freshman. So, I didn’t get hired (obviously), probably because I was

had been looking for in college — the ones who will support me when I do well, won’t hold back critique when I seriously screw up (and need to learn from it), or be there if I need someone to lean on. Five semesters later, I would not have traded any of that for anything. I can’t count on two hands the number of times I shuffled into the photo office, exhausted from school, work, assignments, knowing there would be someone there I could talk to and sit with (or steal food from). I’ll never forget the advice some of my editors through the years gave me to help me grow as a photojournalist. As I move on, I’ll cherish the memories of dancing in the office, creeping out/ annoying the other departments (sorry, y’all), crying from too much laughter, spending hours and hours into the night editing slideshows, photo pages, soundslides; I’ll always remember the friends (or, let’s be real, family) who helped me through tough times, gave me advice as I advanced my “eye,” woke me up when I slept on the photo office couch overnight... I could go on. It’s bittersweet to leave this office, with the photo corkboard (do we still update that?), that green couch (how long has that been here?), that casino chip (Ryan), the constant mess (who’s going to clean it now, y’all?!), but I know I’m not leaving the people. It’s been real DT staff. I’ll see you soon.

ELYANA BARRERA



Jorge Corona | Daily Texan Staff

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I can remember walking into The Daily Texan basement full of self-doubt during the spring of 2010, not knowing exactly what I was about to get into. I had taken Bob Jensen’s J310 course on a whim, and The Daily Texan managing editor Ana McKenzie talked to our class about how to try out to work for The Daily Texan. I had absolutely no previous experience — my high school didn’t even have a newspaper — but somehow I managed to work my way onto the copy desk.

That summer, I continued working for The Daily Texan as an associate copy desk chief. I learned the processes that go into publishing a newspaper and also improved on my self confidence and gained a strong sense of independence.

I worked a couple more semesters at the Texan continuing as an associate copy desk chief until I eventually gained the po-

sition of copy desk chief. This semester has been difficult for our staff, but our obstacles have helped us grow and learn from our mistakes.

Although throughout this semester I was quick to express thoughts such as “What am I still doing here?” and “I hate working here, everything is a shitshow,” I am proud to say that at the end of this semester, especially this past month, I have completely changed my mind. Since the beginning of the year, our staff has truly progressed and fought through harsh times to make The Daily Texan a publication that I am very proud to work for.

To this semester’s continuing staffers (especially Pu, Andrew, Jody, Bobby and Liz): I appreciate and admire your work, progress and passion. Your dedication to the Texan has been thoroughly impressive, and your hard work has made me feel that I can leave knowing the paper is in good hands. I can’t imagine working here without your help.

To the copy and design staff this semester: Thank you for putting up with my pessimism throughout the semester, and thank you for working as late as you do.

To Audrey and Aleks: Y’all have been my light.

Austin: I love you, you’ve helped me out so many times, in and out of the paper.

Ryan Sanchez: You’ve always been there fa’ show, you’re the best.

Lena and Claire: Thank you for randomly coming in and making my day way better, and for being great leaders.

Sydney: Getting Lok’d and watching SiP SiP, #over-it, hangover Chipotle, hiding in the sports office, drinking with V. Carr and Like A Little. Random Mt. Bonnell visit. Being awesome.

Sean, Ben, Andrew: Nova was the best place to party/live and nowhere compares. Andrew, thanks for telling me not to quit.

Doug: I read your critiques every single day and they helped me out so much. Thank you.

Vicky Ho: You were my most important mentor and I was your MVP. You taught me about life, love and whiskey — but more importantly, you taught me everything I know about copy editing. You also helped me through some of my toughest times and I owe everything to you!

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Etier makes most of second chance after arrest

By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Staff

Streaming from the dugout, teammates raced towards Jordan Etier and moments later a massive pile of humanity engulfed him at first base, celebrating Etier's game winning at bat against Texas A&M last Sunday.

It wasn't the at bat itself that was so special — just a simple ground ball at the first baseman, and barely far enough up the line to score the runner from third.

But for Etier, it meant so much more. It represented the fulfillment of a second chance, because only a few months ago, he thought he might never get to play baseball again.

On October 15, Etier was arrested on charges of evading arrest and possession of marijuana.

Two days later Etier was dismissed from the team, and in many ways, the dismissal cost him his identity as a person.

"Every day waking up after that happened I thought, 'God what am I supposed to do today? I only got classes and I have no baseball with my boys,'" he said. "I think that was the biggest thing, just waking up and thinking, 'God I can't do this anymore. It was there and now it's just all gone.'"

However, the time away from the game proved to be a blessing, because it allowed him time to reflect on life and transform as a person. Before the suspension, it was all about baseball and having a little too much fun off of the field, but after his arrest life became more balanced.

"It gave me the opportunity to understand that baseball isn't everything in life, because it's not," Etier said. "I was able to enjoy time fishing with my cousin and doing other little things, like helping my dad in the yard and finding



Fanny Trang | Daily Texan Staff

Senior Jordan Etier was reinstated to the Texas baseball team on January 18 after he was suspended for the entire season stemming from an arrest for marijuana possession and evading arrest. Since then he's attempted to make the most of his second chance and be a leader on the field for his team.

time to spend with my grandparents and my half-sister, who I really go to know. I just really found happiness."

But the change would have never happened if it wasn't for one bad decision on a mid-October afternoon.

What happened that afternoon

Like some college students who find trouble on a Saturday, Etier's issues stemmed from a night of heavy drinking and the bad decisions that come with that.

In his case, he made the decision to wake up and attend a tailgate the

next morning despite still being intoxicated from the night before.

At the tailgate Etier continued to drink until he and his friend, a baseball player from Oklahoma State, went down to a ravine area near the tailgate, which many students use as a place to drink or smoke, and even as a crude location for a bathroom break.

The latter was the reason that Etier and his friend took a trip down to the spot. A few minutes after they arrived a police officer called out to them to come up to the top of the ditch to talk. At that moment

Etier had a choice, approach the officer and risk arrest, as he had two-thirds an ounce of weed on him at the time, or run.

Maybe it was because of the drinking or maybe it was because he thought it was the easiest option at the time, but he knows one thing was true. He was with his friend and he didn't want him to get in trouble, so he ran.

"Once I saw him, I mean, there were 50,000 people there and he was on a bike, and I just thought it'd be a lot easier to get away real quick," Etier said.

Etier claims he did get away from the first officer, but as he recalls with a slight grin because of his oversight, "I couldn't get away from their walkie-talkies"

He eventually ran into Trinity Garage right off of campus and disposed of the marijuana he was carrying along with the receipt it was wrapped in. Both were later found by police and used in the charges against him.

To make matters worse, the arrest took place a night before the team's

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BASEBALL



Freshman Parker French will be taking the Friday starters role from Nathan Thornhill in this weekend's series against Missouri. French is 5-2 on the season with a 2.89 ERA, leading numbers among Texas' starters.

Rebecca Howeth
Daily Texan
file photo

French takes No. 1 stater role for Horns

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

After losing all three of its starting pitchers from a year ago, Texas' rotation has fluctuated over

the course of the season.

But for the first time all year, the Longhorns will have a new Friday starting pitcher. Since the beginning of the season, sophomore Nathan Thornhill (4-4,

3.67 ERA) has started every Friday game for Texas, but freshman Parker French (5-2, 2.89 ERA) will take the mound to begin the

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ROUND ROCK EXPRESS

Former major leaguers hope to reascend in rank

By Antonio Morales
Daily Texan Staff

The two-time defending American League Champions Texas Rangers continue to prove that they are a premier franchise. They hold the best record in this early baseball season and their farm system ranks amongst the top in the majors.

It's no surprise that their AAA affiliate Round Rock Express features a roster with players that could probably suit up for numerous other Major League teams.

"It's a good situation that the Rangers are in and I'm sure many organizations would like to be in it ... it says a lot about the job the scouting has done ... staying on top of talent here and overseas," said Express outfielder Julio Borbon.

Express players like Borbon have

had their time in the Majors before and are waiting on their next opportunity. "It's something to look forward to ... but you come out here and play with a lot of major leaguers and its fun going out there knowing that you belong [in the Majors.] It's just a matter of time," Borbon said. He says he realizes how stacked the Rangers are at the outfield position, but will continue to play hard and work on his swing until his next call-up comes.

Having made his Major League debut last September for the Rangers, Mark Hamburger is also waiting on his next chance in the Majors.

"The fact that the Rangers are so stacked in the Majors and in the minor leagues makes the competition harder but also makes it fun to be around," Hamburger said. "It's great

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Four years as Texan staffer provides lifelong lessons

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Columnist

Editor's note: A 30 column is a chance for departing permanent staff to say farewell and reflect on their time spent in The Daily Texan's basement office. The term comes from the old typesetting mark (-30-) to denote the end of a line.

As I write this column on Thursday (yesterday), the sports office of The Daily Texan, as I've known it for the last four years, has remained relatively unchanged. The red couch with pillows bursting at the seams still festers with the stench of sweaty writers who plop on the couch regularly after coming back from some availability or another to furiously file a story. The small tube TV sitting on top of a ruddy filing cabinet is still missing the power button and the remote only functions when you hold it at just the right angle from just the right distance.

The sports section's proudest issues from the last decade are still

taped to the walls, while some of our least favorite issues litter the desks, floors and recycling bins. The front door has the writer's job application folder — the same one I pulled my application out of as an 18-year-old — as well as some photos of jokes and office memes throughout the years. There are the same three Mac computers in here, but that damn computer in the back corner still doesn't turn on.

In a couple of months this office of solitude in the back corner of the dungeon won't exist. Someone thought it'd be a great idea to gut this place up and herd every department's reporters into one general room. Yuck.

I jest, of course, because along with the University, I fully understand that the Texan has been evolving for a century. Since I've worked here, mulling through The Daily Texan archives quickly became one of my favorite things to do on campus. We've got some papers that date all the way back to 1912, and it's amazing to think that for more



Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff

Sameer Bhuchar has worked for the Texan since his freshman year. In four years with the paper he has covered a number of sports, served as editor of Double Coverage and as sports editor. Bhuchar is often caught reading old issues of his work to promote feelings of self-righteousness.

than a century students have toiled to churn out this paper.

Right now I'm looking at an issue from Nov. 16, 1912. The front page's headline story of the day?

"Texas Overwhelms Mississippi; 53-14." Seems like football was still the dominating presence way back then as well. Apparently the Longhorns played a great game. According to

the reporter who recapped the article, Texas' game featured a bevy of "beautiful runs, pretty forward passes, and

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

UT-San Antonio approved to join Conference USA

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — University of Texas System regents have approved letting UT-San Antonio move to Conference USA in 2013

The Roadrunners went 4-6 in their inaugural football season as an independent in FCS last year, but the program has sought to accelerate its national profile. The school will play in the Western Athletic Conference this year.

The regents unanimously approved the move on Thursday. UTSA will incur no exit fees for leaving the WAC and pay a \$2 million initiation fee to C-USA.

Conference USA is losing Houston, SMU, Memphis and Central Florida. The remaining schools are Texas-El Paso, Tulane, Alabama-Birmingham, East Carolina, Marshall, Rice, Southern Miss and Tulsa.

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first fall game, which he says was the toughest part of the ordeal.

“Sitting in jail while my teammates were out there playing was the worst part,” Etier said. “I wanted to be out there so bad that I was doing pushups, crunches, whatever in the cell to keep my mind off of it.”

However, Etier admits that he wouldn’t change much of what happened over those couple of days, because of the improvements he’s made as a person in the months following.

“I don’t regret it because it’s put me in a good place as far as seeing what I really want in life,” he said. “It’s also helped me see that life is not just all baseball. But I do regret the fact that I ran. I mean, it was a pretty bad deal sitting in a jail cell while all my other friends were out there playing.”

How he turned his life around

That terrible feeling he had about letting his teammates down was the first step in his recovery as a person and in getting back to UFCU Disch-Falk Field as a player.

But it wasn’t an easy road.

At first Etier was upset with the situation and angry with himself about his choices. But his teammates never quit on him, and it was their support during the ordeal that kept him upbeat and attending classes regularly.

His roommate and teammate Jonathan Walsh says that the team just tried to “show him love” throughout the process. Etier was thankful for it, because there were a lot of people around campus and the community who weren’t nearly as kind.

“There were a lot of other people going ‘hey look at that guy, he fucked up his career,’” Etier said. “But it really meant a lot to have that support from my teammates.”

His teammates weren’t the only source of love that Etier received. His family was key in helping him make the necessary changes, and the whole ordeal also brought them much closer together.

For the rest of the fall semester after his arrest, Etier went to live with his grandparents in West Lake Hills. The time he spent there allowed him to reflect and come to terms with his actions on his own.

“When I was able to go out and live with my grandparents I was not only able to make my own decisions, but was also able to have their support,” he said. “That was key because I had to come to terms with it myself, otherwise I don’t think it would have really sunk in the way it has.”

Though, Etier was in no way done with the game. He missed playing with his teammates out on the field and every day after class. In an attempt to fill that void, he would go hit with his dad, his friends or even just the little leaguers who would be outdoors practicing. He missed the game, badly.

Only problem was, despite finding a new perspective on life and making a change for the better, he still didn’t have a place to play his senior season.

The reinstatement process

When he was originally suspended, Texas head coach Augie Garrido told Etier that he would find him a place to play for his senior year, because he had always respected the tenacity and appreciation for the game

that Etier displayed on the field.

Plus, Garrido is a real believer in people receiving a second chance, something he has experienced firsthand after his drunken driving incident in 2009. That event made Garrido a better person in the end, and he attempted to pass on that message to Etier.

“He told me it was just like when he endangered people through his incident and that he learned a lot from it,” Etier said. “That gave me the inspiration that I knew I could do the same and learn from the situation.”

Etier was originally scheduled to play at St. Edward’s University for his senior season — something that he didn’t want to do one bit. But St. Edward’s refused to admit Etier for the spring semester to play baseball, so he turned to his legendary coach for help at a second chance.

“I called coach Garrido, and he was like, ‘That’s not what we talked about, I have your back, and we’ll find you a place to play,’” Etier said.

Garrido set up one last meeting with athletic director DeLoss Dodds attempting to persuade Dodds to put Etier back on the team. In the meeting, Dodds sat right across for Jordan and looked at him squarely in the eyes to determine if he really had changed as a person. The charges had been dropped, but Etier wouldn’t be reinstated if Dodds didn’t firmly believe that Etier had not only learned from the incident but had also transformed as a person.

In the end, Dodds determined that he had earned a second chance, and Garrido had this to say about his shortstop’s reinstatement:

“It was decided by the administration to bring the punishment more in line with Jordan’s wrongdoing. After he was dismissed from the team in the fall, Jordan continued to attend class, which was looked on in a positive light by the administration ... which demonstrated his effort to learn and grow from the incident,” he said.

Fittingly, it was Garrido and not the administration who got to break the news to his shortstop.

“Coach Garrido just called me into his office and was like, ‘This is your second chance, this is your second life. You learned from your first one and now it’s time to make the most from what you learned from it,’” Etier said.

Etier gets his second chance

Etier was reinstated by the administration on January 18 and would have to sit out the first four games of the season due to suspension, but he was just thrilled to be back out on the field with his teammates.

“For so long, I couldn’t even wipe the smile from my face from just being able to be out there with the guys and having fun,” Etier said.

He wasn’t the only one; his teammates were ecstatic to have him back out on the practice field with them. It was not just for what he brings with the glove and with the bat, but because he is an amazing teammate who brings an irresistible level of positive energy to the clubhouse.

“Jordan’s always been a great person and a caring person,” Walsh said. “He’s one of the most loyal friends I know. If I’m lost somewhere at three in the morn-



Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan file photo

Jordan Etier received a second opportunity to play baseball for Texas after his reinstatement earlier this year, and his numbers at the plate and in the field have been solid. He’s hitting a career high .256 as a starter and is playing with a good glove out a shortstop after his move from second base this offseason.

ing, he’ll come pick me up, just like that. He just shows love to everyone. He really is a kind person.”

It’s that ability to care that makes Etier an incredible leader for Texas. He knows when to get on a player for having a bad at bat, but at the same time, he will always be the first player to come up to his teammates with words of encouragement after an error or a strikeout.

He’s also the Longhorns’ vocal leader. He’s the one that keeps spirits up on the field and communicates with the infielders to make sure everyone knows their assignments and are in the right spots.

“He’s always talking out there letting everyone know what to do, and you need somebody like that,” said second baseman and Etier’s double play partner Brooks Marlow. “That’s what Jordan is. He’s a leader and he’ll be a leader for the rest of his life.”

The leadership qualities he displays on the diamond translate directly into the career he wants to have after he’s done playing baseball: coaching. He’s in love with the game, and it’s on display every time he hits the field with a grin that seems to belong more on a hometown sandlot than it does at a big-time college baseball program, and that’s the kind of passion he wants to pass on to future generations.

Fortunately for him, during the past four years he’s had the opportunity to learn from Garrido, one of the best coaches in history and the NCAA’s all-time wins leader, and he’s soaked up all that he could learn from him in his time on the 40 Acres.

Garrido also believes that Etier has what it takes to be a great head coach because of his vast knowledge of the game and because his troublesome experiences make him a more relatable person and compassionate teacher.

“He’s had a lot of decisions to make in his own life and it hasn’t been necessarily a smooth road for him,” Garrido said. “I think what that gives him is an internal and subconscious compassion for people that need to make changes in their life, and that’s what teaching is about.”

Etier is attempting to take Garrido’s philosophical approach to heart this season, and outside of winning a conference championship and making it back to Omaha, his goal for his senior year is to pass on his experiences to his teammates to ensure that they don’t make the same mistakes he’s committed.

“That’s what I want to do more than anything,” Etier said. “You can’t control other people, but you can help them with different situations and you can mentor them, you can tell them what you’ve been through.”

Back on the field

After sitting out the first four games of 2012 because of his suspension, Etier returned with full intentions on making the most of the second chance he was given. This year he’s played with a solid glove at shortstop, and his hitting average is

up over .25 points from the previous season to .256.

It might not be the best season by a shortstop in Longhorn history, but the intangibles Etier displays on the field — things like hustling down the line, a positive attitude and working his tail off every day — have earned back any respect he may have lost from his teammates after his arrest.

This is his second life out there on the diamond. He made mistakes in his first one, but he firmly believes that he’s taken the lessons learned from those struggles and transformed himself into a new ballplayer and more importantly, a reformed person.

The new Etier was on display on Sunday afternoon in the Longhorns’ final game against Texas A&M, in which he knocked in the game-winning RBI.

After contact, he bounded down the first base line with a look on his face of pure joy, something he knows would have never been possible without the lessons learned from an arrest that now seems to be a lifetime ago.

“That was awesome,” he said. “The fact that I was never going to get to be able to play again was heartbreaking, but to come out here and finish strong on my home diamond and at the dish to put the Aggies away, I couldn’t ask for anything better.”



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan

Jordan Etier talks to the media after a 2-1 win against Texas A&M this past Sunday. A game in which Etier knocked in the game winning RBI in the bottom of the ninth inning, giving Texas a win in what is possibly the last matchup between the two historic rivals.

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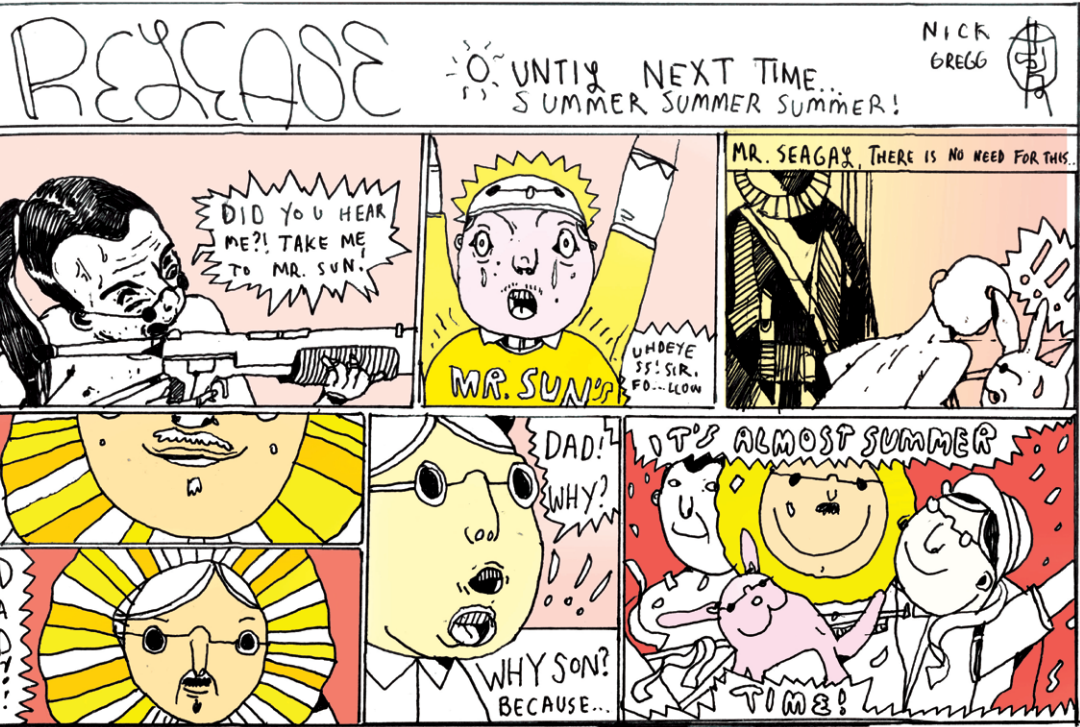
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Texas takes on Sooners for Big 12 crown

By Garrett Callahan
Daily Texan Staff

The season is coming to a close, but there's still plenty of work to come. The Longhorns travel north to Norman, Okla. to battle rival Oklahoma, as they look to finish the season strong.

There has always been stiff competition between these two powerhouses. Overall, their series is tied at 21 games apiece. While the Longhorns are winning the series at home, it is a different story on the road. Oklahoma is 9-5 against Texas in its home stadium, but the Longhorns hope to decrease that gap.

Oklahoma, the current Big 12 leader, has won five of its last six games. In a three-game series against Missouri it took three of the games while also beating North Texas, Oklahoma State and Central Arkansas. The Sooners, 40-7, are batting .315 on the season but lead the nation with a pitching staff ERA of .99.

Texas, 40-8, is coming off a winning streak of its own. The team has won five of its last seven with a winning streak of three. The Longhorns took the last two games of a three game series against Texas A&M and recently beat Baylor in their last game. A central part of the team's success comes from Torie Schmidt, who is hitting .460 against ranked opponents this season. Texas looks for her to continue that in this crucial Big 12 series.



Junior outfielder Torie Schmidt and the rest of the Longhorns head to Norman this weekend to take on their rival Oklahoma in a matchup that will likely determine the winner of the Big 12.

This series has a lot more riding on it than any other Big 12 series this season. Texas and Oklahoma are second and first, respectively, in the Big 12 and this series could determine who wins the title. The Longhorns only have one more conference game after this series. Not only does this weekend determine the Big 12 Champion, but it also has postseason implications. Currently, Texas is ranked No. 4 in the national RPI rankings and both teams are fighting for an

NCAA Tournament seed.

After their series win against rival Texas A&M, Texas head coach Connie Clark stated that it was poise that helped the Longhorns win.

"I thought we stayed very poised and with very good focus, zeroing in when we needed to," Clark said.

As they come close to postseason play, that poise is something the Longhorns want to continue, helping to not only capture a Big 12 Championship but also make

a tournament run. Focus is key to accomplishing their goal and realize what they need to do.

This is a crucial time for the Longhorns. A series loss here could make a big difference in the attitude of the Longhorns and how they will handle the postseason. The team looks to continue their tough defense while adding in a strong offense and they hope to come out of the weekend with a better look at where they will be come the end of the season.

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No. 25 Longhorns' series against Missouri (23-21, 7-11) today in Columbia, Mo.

"I'm going to trust the coaches. They know what they're doing," Thornhill said. "They've been doing this a long time. It'll give me an opportunity to relax. Parker's been throwing really well."

Thornhill will start against the Tigers Saturday while Sunday's starter has yet to be decided, although Texas pitching coach Skip Johnson indicated that sophomore closer Corey Knebel (3-2, 1.32 ERA8) could make his first career start in the series finale against Missouri this weekend.

Both Thornhill and French had trouble in their last outings last weekend against No. 9 Texas A&M. Thornhill gave up six runs last Friday, only two of them earned as the Longhorns committed three errors behind the Cedar Park native. Texas did not score until the ninth inning, when they nearly rallied to win the game but fell, 6-5.

Texas is 5-6 in 11 Friday games this year — all games Thornhill started — and has lost each of its last three Friday contests. In five of those 11 games, the Longhorns have

scored two or fewer runs, not a surprising mark considering the caliber of starting pitching that they have faced on Fridays. Duke's Marcus Stroman, Stanford's Mark Appel, Oklahoma State's Andrew Heaney and Texas A&M's Michael Wacha could all be picked in the first round of this year's MLB Draft, with Appel being a potential No. 1 overall selection.

"It's definitely a motivation," Thornhill said. "It just keeps you on your toes, maybe wakes me up a little bit. I can't get outside myself, though. I want to continue to throw strikes like I do and

just try to shut them down."

Texas returned from the hostile environment that was College Station for a home game Saturday against the Aggies at UFCU Disch-Falk Field, where French previously thrived this year. The Dripping Springs product entered this past weekend with a 32.1 consecutive scoreless innings streak at home before surrendering five runs to Texas A&M in a 12-4 last Saturday. Again, French didn't get any favors from a defense that committed five errors, two of them by French on the same play.

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playing with guys who make you push yourself even harder."

In any given night the Express could send out a pitching rotation filled with arms with prior Major League experience. That was the case on Tuesday when Michael Kirkman, Mark Hamburger and Yoshinori Tateyama combined for a 6-3 victory over the New Orleans Zephyrs.

"It's incredible to be around guys who've been playing for a while. By playing alongside Tateyama and Kirkman, we can bounce ideas off of each other and learn a lot," Hamburger said.

"There are a lot of guys here that know what they're doing when they take that mound and we take pride

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lightening-like plunges." There are ads from piano players offering there services to frat houses for what I can only assume was the 1912 equivalent of a rager. And there are so many advertisements for suit dealers and laundromats and barbers that UT must have had some fresh looking kids back then. I wonder what they'd think of the oversized frat shirts and Nike shorts combo?

I'm not sure why I'm so fascinated by the old issues, but maybe it's because the further into the past I travel, the less I have to deal with the reality of one day not working here. Why? I have no idea. When you descend the office stairs that lead to the basement, you feel like you're walking into a horror movie, and sometimes you might as well have. If I had a dime for every nightmare I've violently woken up from fearing a misspelled headline, a misplaced caption, replacing a writer's name from "Christian" to "Christina," or a poor critique from Doug [Daily Texan's editorial adviser], I'd be a rich man.

Turns out, I'm not the only one with these horrific dreams. Ask any of the two-hundred odd student employees that oil this machine, and they'll tell of the cold sweat that keeps them up at night hoping their story, page or edits look right. Journalists are a bunch of masochists, but sometimes for good reason.

I've done a lot in my time on campus, and nothing really compares to working at this place. I've hated and

in that," said Tuesday's starter Michael Kirkman. He's had stints with the Rangers for the past few seasons but has learned to embrace suiting up for the Express. "Anytime you get sent down its tough, but if you go out there and work hard it gives you something to build off, and it's a step in the right direction," Kirkman.

Kirkman received the ultimate call from the bullpen during the 2010 World Series, as he was given the opportunity to pitch in one of the games in San Francisco.

"I was beside myself. It was almost like I didn't even know where I was, but I had to get on that mound and pitch against those quality hitters... it was unbelievable," Kirkman said.

With the way the Rangers are playing and roster space expanding in the playoffs, a few Express players may be able to live a Kirkman-type experience this fall.

loved every minute of it so much that I'm not sure I'll be relieved or sad when it hits me tomorrow (today) that I'll never have a hand in the production of the sports pages again. It's been a fabric of my experience at UT that has taught me more about hard work, the importance of diligence and mental fortitude than most of my classes. It's challenged me, beat me up, and kicked me in the crotch a few times, but it also afforded me the opportunity to interview incredible people, pick the brain of Mack Brown and work with talented, driven students.

One day I'll come back and sift through the archives again, while a new batch of reporters crammed in the middle room of the office stare at what they'll assume is some old fart being creepy. I'll look back at the 2008-2012 range of sports pages and see the work I put in as a young buck on the women's swimming and diving beat, to the editor of Double Coverage and the sports page and feel proud of most of my work while laughing at some of it as well. And hopefully this place will be around another 100 years so the sports editor, who will probably be covering a robot version of football by then, can open to a dusty 2012 edition with the same feeling of romanticism that gets me when I open 1912's.

If you've made it this far through this column (read: stream of consciousness) then just know this: The Texan is a nice place to cement yourself within the bricks that build this university, an even better place to meet amazing people and the best place on campus to learn a lot about yourself and what you're made of.

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Swift's Attic offers creative culinary dishes

By **Brittany Smith**
Daily Texan Staff

Walking into Swift's Attic is like walking into a dream. Carpeted stairs beckon guests to a dim room where waiters and waitresses in dark clothing glide evenly throughout the dining room carrying carafes of water and plates of breathtakingly odd foods. Fantastical, spidery light fixtures that look as though they've been extracted from the set of a Tim Burton film hang over tables set with flickering Mason jar candles. A chandelier enclosed by a large vintage birdcage imparts a shadowy dimness. Moonlight seeps through the sunroof.

Swift's Attic's food is as surreal as its space and is capable of transporting diners to other times and places. Each plate evokes a distinct experience. Grilled edamame served with chili oil and pop rocks harkens the novelty of childhood. The hot water corn bread served with rum raisin butter evokes a grandmother's kitchen (and in fact, Chef Mat Clouser said that the recipe belonged to his grandmother). The squid fries, piled high on a square of checkered tissue, calls to mind the baskets of fried seafood at humble seaside diners.

As the dream state fades, you begin to realize that not only can the food take you to other worlds and different times, it also just tastes really good. Clouser, his sous chef Zack Northcutt and pastry chef Callie Speer are serious chefs. They have the resumes to prove it; combined, they have worked in the esteemed kitchens of Uchi, Haddingtons, Jeffrey's, Parkside and Mulberry.

They have such tight control over their craft, in fact, that they can afford to have fun with the menu. They can do whimsical and pull it off. They can be experimental without offending the palates of their diners. They don't have to pretend to be cutting edge because they are cutting



Photos by **Nathan Goldsmith** | Daily Texan Staff

ting edge. The menu they've crafted — full of oddities and wonders — reflects this.

The locally sourced quail was supple, juicy and slightly sweet.

The pulpito estofado (stewed baby octopus) was delicious as well. The octopi weren't overcooked and rubbery, but had a tender chewiness to them. Twice

cooked duck wings in a black bean glaze were fall-off-the-bone delicious. The pork cheeks, slow cooked in white wine, melted in my mouth. The dish was served

with browned toast, perfect for sopping up the leftover juice.

For dessert, I tried "Chocolate 6 Ways" — as a dark chocolate sorbet, a milk chocolate mousse,

a dehydrated mousse, a chocolate sauce, cocoa nibs and chocolate pop rocks. It edged into the territory of molecular gastronomy — both in concept and



Illustration by **Danielle Thomas** | Daily Texan Staff

Backups can be good, bad, ugly

LOVE INTERRUPTED
By **Anjali Mehta**

It's Friday night. Do you know where your backup date is? Chances are they're right where you left them,

at home waiting for you to call (or drunkenly text) them with the less-than-desirable proposition of playing second fiddle to a date who either fell through or wouldn't put out. Whether you call them your "backups" or your "safety reserves," one thing never changes: they just never seem to be the first on your list.

Sociology senior Greg, who refused to disclose his last name, is the

first to admit that his dating patterns resemble those of a 13-year-old than an actual adult, but he doesn't feel bad for keeping a couple of "backup girls" in his contact list.

"The reason I keep backup chicks is to avoid that limbo period between girls where you have nobody," he said.

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Women-run zine launches season issue

By **Elizabeth Hinojos**
Daily Texan Staff

Hillary-Anne Crosby is a woman undoubtedly assured of her prerogative. She is a sprightly, pixie-haired 22-year-old. She is a second-week graduate school dropout. She is witty but not sarcastic, and confident but not a snob. She is not ashamed or embarrassed to share with the world that she already has a bachelor's degree and has never had sex. She is waiting for

the right man and the right time, and neither are up for negotiation.

Crosby is the editor-in-chief and founder of Vagina :: The Zine. Vagina's mission is to produce a creative outlet where girls' names and work can be made public. The Zine is printed four times a year and features a range of opinions and observations from its contributors.

The publication came about when the UT photojournalism graduate realized she had never fulfilled an in-

ternship, and felt unqualified for jobs in the journalism field. Crosby thought she was left to graduate without any prospects until she started to contemplate her own publication in the fall of 2010.

Crosby's idea became a reality when Vagina :: The Zine launched its first issue January 2011, the semester that Crosby graduated.

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SPRING 2012 EDITION

BY **ALEKSANDER CHAN**

HORNS UP

Robert Montgomery's guerilla art installations.
The Scottish artist overtakes billboards with original poetry.

"Girls."
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A refuge for the delirious and over-caffeinated.

"John Carter."
It had everything it needed to be great, but ended up being awful.

"The Cabin in the Woods."
A great twist on the meta-teen horror slasher flick from Joss Whedon.

Fricano's Deli.
The best sandwiches in West Campus. They have punch cards!

Angelina Jolie's leg at the Oscars.
It possess powers analogous to the Eye of Sauron.

Hologram Tupac.

HBO's adaptation of "The Corrections" is not moving forward.
Had it gone to series, it would have starred Ewan McGregor and Maggie Gyllenhaal.

The weird saga of Invisible Children and KONY 2012.

HORNS DOWN

MOVIE REVIEW



Dave Alloca | Associated Press

In this April 22, 2012 photo, actress Brit Marling is shown at a screening of Fox Searchlight Pictures’ “Sound of My Voice,” in New York.

Summer film delves into cult culture

By Alex Williams
Daily Texan Staff

The summer movie season generally kicks off with a big, explosive event film, and Joss Whedon’s “The Avengers,” out today, is certainly that. For viewers looking for a quieter, more contemplative, but equally riveting alternative, they’ve found it in “Sound of My Voice,” an unsettling, engrossing story of a cult led by Maggie (co-writer Brit Marling).

Not everyone in Maggie’s cult truly believes in her. In fact, Peter (Christopher Denham) and Lorna (Nicole Vicius) have infiltrated her ranks with intentions of making a documentary about Maggie and her followers. However, Maggie has a certain way of getting into her subjects’ heads. As the film goes on, a chasm grows between Peter and Lorna as they struggle with their faith, their dedication and each other.

With a runtime of only 85 minutes, “Sound of My Voice” is almost abrupt in its brevity, setting up its concept quickly, letting us get to know just enough about

the characters before challenging them and their beliefs, and then ripping the rug out from under the audience with its deliciously ambiguous finale. Director and co-writer Zal Batmanglij divides the film into 10 chapters, and there’s a definite sense of dread that builds until the film’s final installment. Batmanglij also finds the sinister in the seemingly harmless, be it in the white and beige basement where Maggie and her followers gather or a friendly hike through the woods between a few members.

Brit Marling hit Sundance last year with this film and last summer’s equally low-key sci-fi “Another Earth,” and “Sound of My Voice” is a better film in every way. As Maggie, Marling has an incredible, assured presence, and she paints Maggie not as a flawless deity but a hypnotic yet undeniably human figure. If Marling wasn’t so convincing in the role, “Sound of My Voice” would fall apart, but she manages to sell Maggie as engaging and magnetic, exactly the sort of person who would be able to amass followers easily.

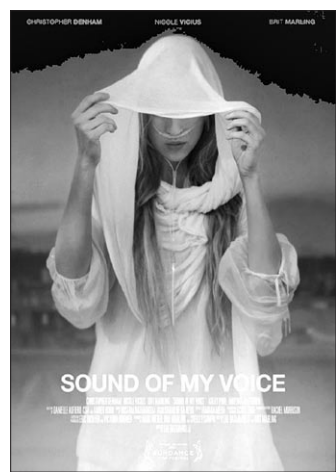
Christopher Denham and Nicole Vicius both impress as the

infiltrators of Maggie’s cult. Vicius’ Lorna has a past she’s not especially proud of, and it’s installed a skepticism in her that informs her character’s every move. Vicius gives a subtle, strong performance, but Denham’s role is much showier and his character is better defined. Denham gets to go toe-to-toe with Marling in more than one scene, and he never disappoints, making the audience just as confused and torn as he is. The film’s final moments, which are sure to be discussed at length in the coming months, make Denham’s Peter experience the unexplainable, and the wonder, fear and betrayal that cross Denham’s face in that moment lend the finale a gravity that makes it all the more gut-wrenching.

It would be easy for this film to get lost in the sea of blockbusters that will hit multiplexes in the coming months, but this is a really special one, a perfect example of accessible, low-key science fiction that makes great use of both its premise and its budget.

Whether Marling continues telling this story or another one entire-

ly, her voice as a writer and actress is so strong and precise that the sound of it should be enough to inspire interest.



Sound of My Voice
Genre: Science Fiction
Runtime: 85 minutes
Director: Zal Batmanglij

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“I’ve never done a zine and not one [of the contributing editors] has done a zine. None of us knew what we were doing,” Crosby said. “We all work full-time jobs and have other lives, and the zine requires a lot of time.”

Getting the Vagina zine off the ground was difficult, Crosby said. At first, not many people wanted to be a part of it, and Crosby and her team had to go through a learning process of trial and error.

“The reason I started the zine is because I wanted girls to get their work out there,” Crosby said. “We all had our blogs with artwork that no one was seeing.”

Whereas the zine’s title can feel awkward to some, Crosby said she’s never been called out for its name in a negative light.

“My parents were kind of uncomfortable with it,” Crosby said. “But for the most part people just smiled or laughed. I don’t think its offensive because it’s just a word. It’s like if you call a magazine Bitch, you give power to the word that was before a derogatory thing. It just sets us apart.”

While the Vagina title implies it is founded on a feminist platform, it’s not specific to activism or strictly leftist ideas; nevertheless, a feminist streak is embedded throughout the publication. Crosby said Vagina deals with everything having to do with women and accepts contributions from all who identify as female — contributors do not necessarily have to have a vagina.

Crosby does, however, consider herself a feminist. She has always read Bitch Magazine, a feminist response to pop culture, and came to figure that aside from Bitch, there weren’t many outlets that went against the grain of commercial mainstream mentality.

“You have Cosmo and Seventeen, which are fine, but I have beef with them in general,” Crosby said. “Our thing is just supporting the women in our lives who have real

voices and talent — they deserve a spotlight.”

Basia Borodziewicz, a Plan II senior, is the new sex editor for the Vagina magazine.

“It’s a topic I’m really interested in, in terms of exploring sexual health and sexuality in general,” Borodziewicz said. “So I was excited about the opportunity.”

She saw the position as a chance to become self-motivated in order to become a better writer and be surrounded by more people interested in the same.

Hannah Doerge, a consistent contributor to Vagina for the past six months, started her feminist writing by submitting a three-part article series, “Separation of the Sexes.”

“[The piece] is a gender equality issue that focuses on how men and women are separated among achievements that they shouldn’t be separated by,” Doerge said. “It’s also about how this issue implies that women are somehow inferior to men.”

Doerge comes from a family with a political scientist father and a mother who went to college during the feminist movement in the ‘70s. “I thought feminism was a normal thing that everyone was into,” Doerge said. “I grew up in a liberal city and it blew my mind every time I heard somebody say something derogatory toward women, it was from out of left field.”

As a striving self-published writer, Doerge loves the fact that Vagina’s environment is such that everyone is serious about their role.

“I want to be a part of something that has so much enthusiasm and passion behind it,” Doerge said. “That’s why I keep contributing; it’s something worth contributing to.”

Vagina :: The Zine’s Spring Issue
What: launch party
Where: Cheer Up Charlie’s
When: Friday, May 4
Website: <http://www.thevaginazine.com/>



Raveena Bhalara | Daily Texan Staff
Hillary-Anne Crosby is the Editor-in-Chief of Vagina :: The Zine.

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“Nobody wants to be alone to the point where they have no one to go to that is guaranteed to be there.”

However, Greg isn’t oblivious to the fact that his rotation of safety reserves can hurt the feelings of the girls involved. He said that he aims to be transparent with the girls who aren’t his top pick by not promising a chance of exclusivity that he knows won’t happen with them. For Greg, the role of a backup can include anything from watching a movie, talking to them about things he can’t share with his guy friends and of course, hooking up.

“I have been in a position where I have felt bad about it because I am stringing that person along, but I am in college and sometimes that is the nature of the game and I bet I’ve been someone’s backup before,” he said. “Like I said, I don’t really date like an adult. Maybe someday.”

The nature of college dating encourages dating multiple people at a time, if not to figure out your different levels of compatibility with someone, then definitely to ensure

that you’ll have a date on your arm at the next semi-formal or even just to prevent playing third wheel to another couple.

Recent marketing and writing and rhetoric graduate Shannon, who refused to disclose her last name, said that her experience with keeping backup guys around totally changed after she graduated. She went from keeping guys on the back burner to chucking all versions of safety reserves after college.

“It’s definitely harder to meet people outside of college, but I also don’t have a lot of patience for hanging out with guys that I don’t have a spark [with],” she said. “Normally, the spark tends to come from their personality. I don’t want to keep hanging out with someone that bores me.”

Shannon admits that now on a Friday night, she’d much rather be hanging out with friends that she actually likes than out at dinner struggling through a fourth date with someone she knew right away it wouldn’t work out with. She said that guys, on the other hand, seem to have no problem keeping dates on the back burner.

“You hear from guys like two months after a date when they re-

alize that all the other fish in the sea are swimming a little too low to catch easily and they want some,” she said.

For a culture that puts so much emphasis on finding “the spark” with someone you’re dating, we are quick to disregard that spark when loneliness rolls around, leaving us in the semi-stimulating company of someone we only chose as an afterthought. Additionally, the upkeep of texting and hanging out with a person you don’t consider a priority seems like a lot of voluntary effort for something you don’t even really want that badly.

The dating world sometimes makes you forget that if you have to tell yourself a date wasn’t that bad, then it doesn’t mean the date was good simply by default. No matter how many dinners you go on, no matter how many of their jokes you try to convince yourself are funny, no matter how many times you walk home from a date with them thinking, “That wasn’t so bad,” you’re never going to fall head over heels for a backup date simply because you haven’t done so already. Instead, it’s best for both the dater and the dater’s safety reserve to go their separate ways or be “just friends” instead.

Stroh credits success to late-night food

By Katie Stroh
Daily Texan Staff

Editor’s note: A 30 column is a chance for departing permanent staff to say farewell and reflect on their time spent in The Daily Texan’s basement office. The term comes from the old typesetting mark (-30-) to denote the end of a line.

Reflecting on my two years of work at the Daily Texan, two important motifs come to mind again and again: anxiety and food. The two go hand in hand. At the Texan, when you’re hunched over your desk, eyes glazed over from hours spent staring at the computer screen and exhausted from that stress dream you had the night before, the only real remedy is food, followed by perhaps a few drinks and a nap in the office.

In addition to all the wonderful and inspiring friends I’ve made at the Texan, I’d like to thank those who have provided me and many other over-

worked and overwhelmed young journalists the fuel we’ve needed to put out a product we’re proud of.

To Ming’s Cafe: thank you for your delicious, affordable and plentiful General Jow’s lunch specials, and for your generosity with those delicious little tubs of ginger soy sauce that litter my desk space to this day.

To Fricano’s Deli: thank you for the heartiest Italian sandwich a girl could ask for when she realizes it’s 6 p.m., and she hasn’t eaten since the sad granola bar she scarfed as she put in a last-minute photo request that morning.

To the Chick-fil-A in the Texas Union: thank you for your convenient location and for the revelation that chicken nuggets dipped in ranch sauce are heavenly.

And finally, to Hole in the Wall: your overflowing baskets of piping-hot fries (not to mention your whiskey and Cokes) always make for the perfect reward after a round of tough ed-

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Reflecting on my two years at The Daily Texan, two important motifs come to mind again and again.
— Katie Stroh, Life and Arts Editor

its. Cheers. -30-
Katie Stroh started working at the Daily Texan in Fall 2010 as a Life and Arts Issue Staff Reporter. She has since been a Life and Arts Senior Reporter, an Associate Life and Arts Editor, and is currently the Life and Arts Editor.

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execution — but instead of being completely inaccessible to the average palate, it was understandable and easy to enjoy. When it comes down to it, chocolate is chocolate, right?

I also tried the lemon panna cotta topped with a scoop of beet sorbet and a hazelnut crisp. Buried beneath the custard was a pool of thyme syrup. The custard was airy, and slightly sweet. The gela-

to was very earthy on its own, but this was toned down when paired with the custard. The thyme syrup pushed the dessert from excellent to otherworldly.

To top off the experience, the service was phenomenal as well. The waitress was sharp and precise, but also friendly. She was helpful with suggesting dishes and happy to answer questions.

I went back the next day for lunch (and the next day after that). Swift’s was still in its soft opening and plates were served at a 50 percent discount. There was less magic in the place dur-

ing the day, as though the light that streamed through the sunroof revealed the mechanics of a sleight of hand. The food, however, was just as good as it was at dinner.

Swift’s Attic has the potential to become Austin’s best restaurant this year. The enchanting, wistful setting makes it unique, while the high quality, interesting food guarantees it a spot in the hearts of even the most critical foodies. It’s impossible to resist the culinary journey that you will embark upon when you sit down at a table in the Attic.

Swift’s Attic
What: a new tapas style restaurant
Where: 315 Congress Ave.
Website: swiftsattic.com

Hours
Lunch: Monday-Friday from 11a.m.-2p.m.
Dinner: 5p.m.-10p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 5p.m.-10p.m. Thursday-Saturday
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